

### **Updated COVID Policy (8/23)**

Based on recommendations by the CDC and our local Health Department, we will discontinue COVID testing the whole school upon return from long breaks. If a student is ill at school and exhibits potential COVID symptoms, the parent will pick up the child and administer a COVID test. The school will provide the test kit for the parent, but school personnel are no longer authorized by the CDC to administer the test. If the child tests negative, the child may return to school once symptoms have subsided. (Refer to the Student/Parent Handbook for specifics on our general sick policy.) If a student is found to be positive for COVID, the school will notify families with children in the grade of the potential exposure and send home COVID test kits for parents to administer at home. *The parents must send the office a photo of the negative test in order for the student to return to school the following day.* We need to rely on everyone's honesty and concern for the health of our entire school community. This policy is subject to change pending an outbreak or changes in recommendations by the CDC and Local Health Department. COVID vaccinations and boosters continue to be strongly encouraged for all.

If your child tests POSITIVE for COVID:

- Quarantine at home for 5 days, then retest on the 6th day.
- If your child is still positive after the 5th day, you must continue to quarantine until the child tests negative or up to 10 days - whichever comes first.
- Students who remain positive after the 5th day of quarantine should be healthy enough to participate in classes remotely. We will then offer online access until the student is back at school.